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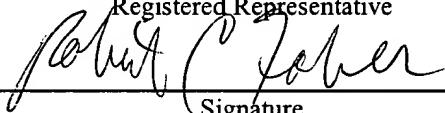
Claims 19-34 are indicated as allowed. Applicant has canceled the remaining rejected claims.

Claims 13, 14, 17 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102. Claim 15 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103. Cancellation of those claims has made their rejection moot. A Notice of Allowance is requested.

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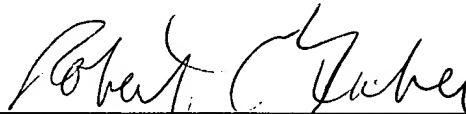


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